

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The action by the Examiner of this application, together with the cited references, has been given careful consideration. Following such consideration, claims 10, 11, 18, 28, 29, and 36 have been amended to define more clearly the patentable invention applicant believes is disclosed herein. Moreover, claims 1-9, 17, 19-27, and 35 have been cancelled. Claims 12-16, and 30-34 are unchanged by the present amendment paper. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the claims in their present form, together with the following comments, and allow the application.

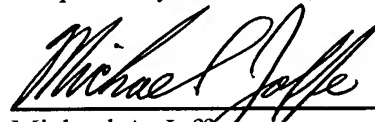
The Examiner has indicated allowable subject matter with respect to dependent claims 17-18, and 35-36. Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of the present application, independent claim 10 has been amended to incorporate limitations from claim 17 (now cancelled) and independent claim 28 has been amended to incorporate limitations from claim 35 (now cancelled). Dependent claims 18 and 36 have now been amended to respectively depend from claims 10 and 28.

In view of the present amendments, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner now withdraw the prior art rejections of claims 1-16 and 19-34.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes there are any further matters that need to be discussed in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,



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